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**WEAPONS TESTING RANGE
VOROSHILOV (SKODA) ARMAMENT PLANT
DUBNICA NAD VAHOM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

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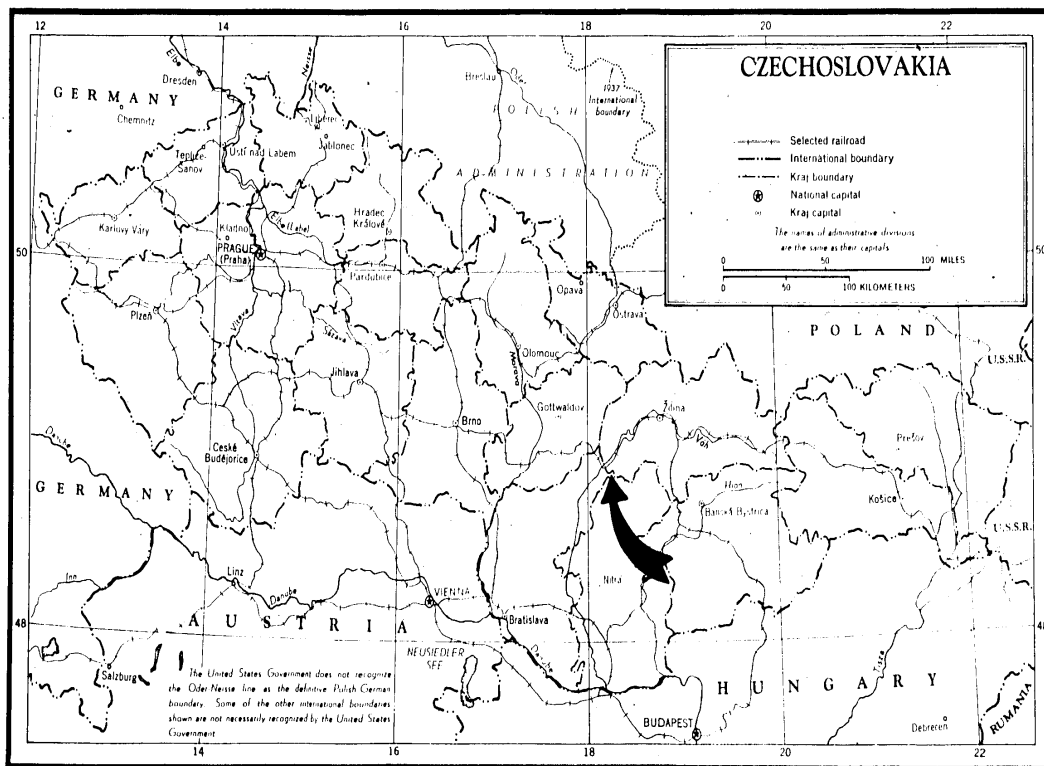
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WEAPONS TESTING RANGE
VOROSHILOV (SKODA) ARMAMENT PLANT
DUBNICA NAD VAHOM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Voroshilov (Skoda) Armament Plant, the leading producer of artillery in the European Satellites, is located immediately northeast of Dubnica nad Vahom, Czechoslovakia. Associated with this plant is an explosives plant located south of Dubnica nad Vahom and a weapons testing range located in a forested valley 2 miles east of Dubnica nad Vahom and approximately one mile southeast of the armament plant (see Figure 1).

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25X1D At the northern end of the range in an area that has been filled in and leveled off, a building 290 [REDACTED] feet appears to be in the initial stage of construction. An adjacent rectangular area 300 by 215 feet has been built up and is being leveled, probably for additional construction. A large excavation made into the side of a hill immediately west of the range appears to be the source of the large amount of fill being used in the construction.

A detailed photographic analysis of the armament plant and the explosives plant is presented in USAF, DPIR Functional Analysis (BB) No. 133, February 1956.

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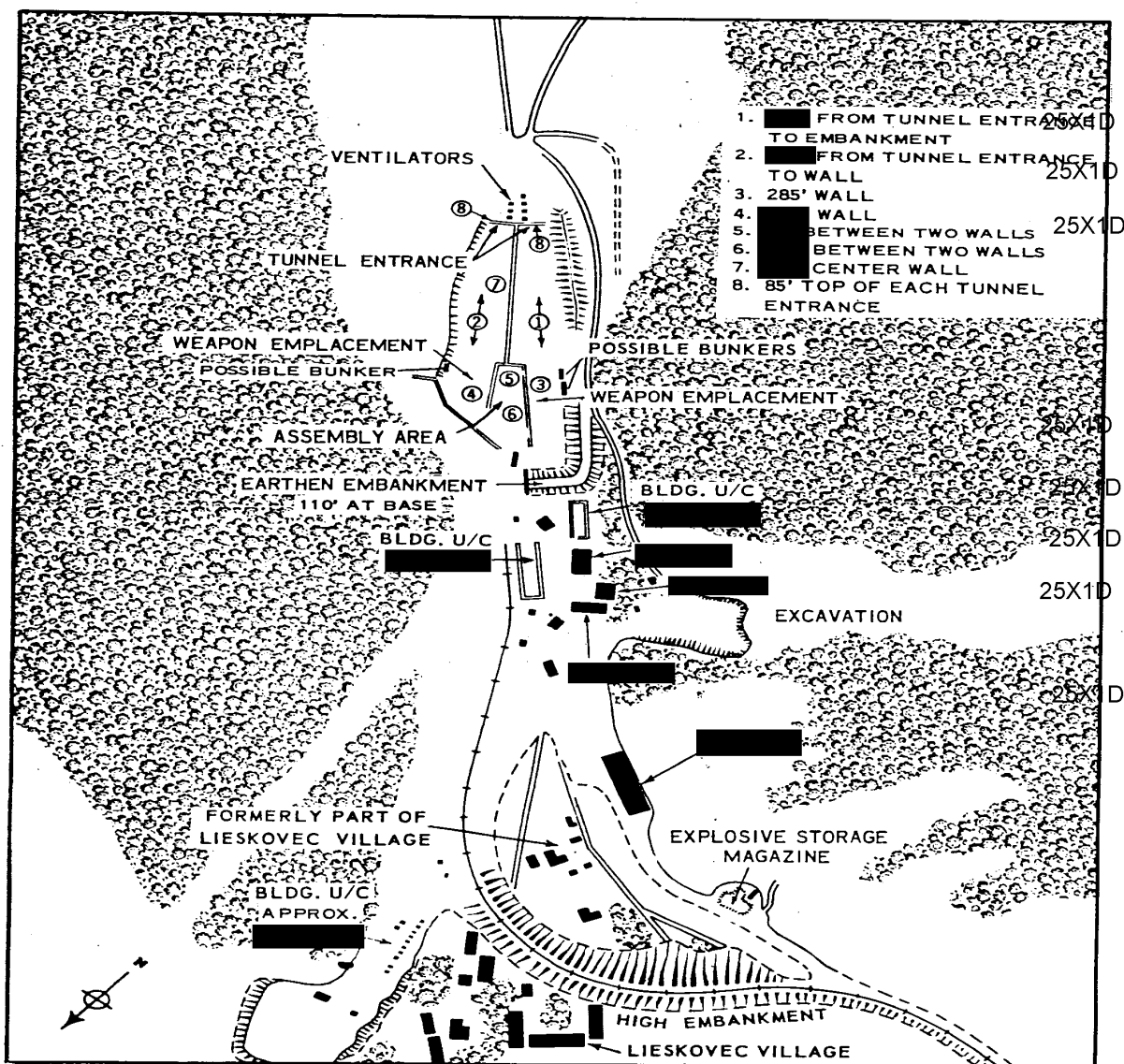


FIGURE 2. FACILITIES AT THE WEAPONS TESTING RANGE.

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REQUIREMENT: Prepared in answer to CIA requirement RR/S22/58,
requesting a detailed description of the Voroshilov (Skoda) Armament
Plant Weapons Testing Range, Dubnica nad Vahom, Czechoslovakia.

PHOTO DATA:

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MAP DATA:

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AMS Series M671 [REDACTED] Czechoslovakia, 1:100,000, Sheet V-12.

COORDINATES: 48°58'N/18°11'E

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[REDACTED] Armament Plant
[REDACTED] Explosives Plant

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FIGURE 3. ARTIST'S CONCEPT OF WEAPONS TESTING RANGE.

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